Commissioner Coleman Says State Loses Money by Building Piecemeal.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.-The average mileage of contracts for road construction on the State Highway System in Virginia under way at present, is six miles according to digest of the report of State Highway Commisoner, George P. Coleman to Governor Davis. This is in contrast to the three and two-thirds miles average of 1920 and five mile average of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1921. Even an average of six miles per contract is considered piece-meal construction by the State Highway Comnission, costing the State more per nile to build with greater inspection and engineering expense per mile than it would cost if the State was in a position to let larger contracts.

Plan Is Costly.

When asked an explanation as to why the State Highway Commission did not make the allocation so that larger contracts could be awarded, inasmuch as the State Highway Commission and the Commissioner recogmission and the Commissioner recognizes that it is costing the State more money to build by piece-meal than in letting large contracts for continuous sections of State Highway, the Commissioner stated that the limited finances ces of the State for road building is the general answer. "Operating under the present financial plan," explained Commissioner, "it will require om sixteen to eighteen years to conplete our State Highway System as constructed. The members of the State Highway Commission conceived it to be their primary duty to get the traffic over the road. In deciding on the projects to be improved, the State Highway Commison has selected the worst sections to System as designated by the General Assembly of 1918, it included many disconnected sections of road which had previouly been constrcted by counties. In many instances these ections themselves were narraw and much of it had gone to pieces entirely a haunt of the true Parisienne.

The regulations were the

Department has not been able to re told to come dressed as a baby, place all of these bad sections on a About forty were present and the State highway system of 3,800 miles sight of that number of Fifth avenue, and at the same time reclaim the in-vestments made by the counties in the all dolled up in little white socks, short sections taken over by resur-facing and widening these roads into through routes. This, with the knowl-edge that it will be from sixteen to eighteen years to construct the entire State highway system often prevents the department from including the reconstruction of a section of highway which can be kept in good travelable condition for a year or so by proper maintenance, notwithstanding the fact that such action would add to the mileage of a contract. Better Method.

work of the highway commission would be much easier if the limited funds available were placed on one, two or three through highways of the Btate and these roads completed the ladies' shoes and the gentlemen's throughout. The inspection and engineering costs as well as the price per mile would be lower and the work of the department more concentrated. This plan of giving preference to these roads would work a hardship on the section of the State which might not be reached for sixteen or eighteen years. "If the next General Assembly will initiate the financing of a program which will permit the completion of the system in six or seven throughout. The inspection and ention of the system in six or seven years, it will be possible to let contracts much larger than we are able to let today, and thereby save from \$500 to \$2,500 per mile. This saving in addition to the value of trans-



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"Baby" Party and Medical Students' "Adam and Eve" Ball Especially Unconventional.

PARIS, Dec. 17 .- In revenge for the desertion of numberless stars in international society from Paris salons to Washington, the cohort of old faithfuls is making up for the improve first. When the State High-way Department took over the State the noisy, almost hysterical gayety of their gatherings.

Society, for instance, is still talk-ing about Elsa Maxwell's "baby" party, held, it is heard, at Vell's, the restaurant on the Boulevard de la Madeleine, famous before the war as

on account of lack of maintenance.

The regulations were the same as
In three years the State Highway at similar affairs, every one being not to speak of the cute little white lace caps, must have been enough for

Then, there was the American medical students' ball, which as many society people attended as could suc-cessfully disguise themselves as would-be doctors and doctoresses. The dinner preceding the ball was "progressive" in the fashion invented

Better Method.

by an English artist, who is now an R. A. and an American, now bearded monthlies. With the soup the ladies

Married Three Years;

Spend Time in Hiking portation service which the early com-pletion of the State highways will salem, have arrived here. now planning to make a tour of the world and plan to visit sixty-two countries and their capitals.

They have spent the three years of their married life hiking, and the tour on which they will soon leave will take eight years.

Tests Fail to Reveal

New Element in Air GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 17.— Researches made by C. Borel and A. Janquerod and reported to the Swiss Physical Society have failed to bring to light any unknown atmospheric gas. These two scientists for two months daily diffused through hot quartz samples of air in the hope of finding a new element, but their efforts were fruitless.

Men of Night Motor Patrol in Sacramento Must Explain Presence of Articles.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 17 .-Somebody started a scandal about the Sacramento police department. It hints of women—wild women—who lose their hairpins and combs "an' everything." It is a scandal that speaks of lonely rides down muddy country lanes during the wee small hours of the morning. Furthermore, it has attracted official attention. It all started when Chief of Police Bernard McShane found hairpins in the back seats of police cars, which were supposed to be used only for night patrol work in the residential

Now Chief McShane is trying to find out what member of the local force wears hairpins.

Theft of Barrel Hoops

Causes Soldier's Arrest WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 17 .- Ray-



The National Daily

algia, Lumbago, sore stiff and swellen joints, pain in the head, back and limbs, winchester, Va., Dec. 17.—Raymond Mauck, arrested in Warren county, Va., on a bench warrant charging him with grand larceny here, has been released on \$1,000 bail for February circuit court.

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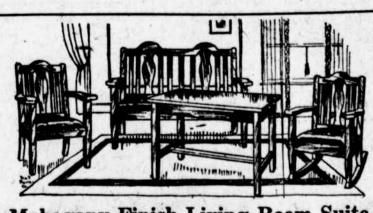
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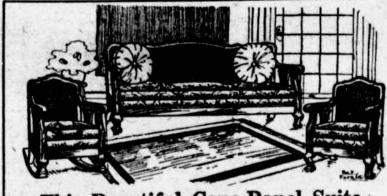
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